

Proclamation

by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

- Whereas,** *Computer Science Education Week* highlights the crucial role that computer science plays in our society enabling innovation and creating economic opportunities; and
- Whereas,** computing technology is an integral part of culture and it transforms how people interact with each other and the world around them; and
- Whereas,** computer science advances industry, creates new fields of commerce, drives innovation in all fields of science and bolsters productivity in established economic sectors; and
- Whereas,** the field of computer science is a foundational science for the digital age; and
- Whereas,** the field of computer science underpins the information technology sector of our economy, which is a significant contributor to the United States economic output; and
- Whereas,** the information technology sector is uniquely positioned to help with economic recovery through research and development of new innovations; and
- Whereas,** providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to the rich opportunities the field offers and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and
- Whereas,** all students deserve a thorough education in computer science, including access to the qualified teachers, technology and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels of education; and
- Whereas,** computer science education challenges remain, including the emphasis and availability of computer science classes, and sufficient professional development opportunities for computer science teachers; and
- Whereas,** the field of computer science has significant equality barriers to address, including attracting more participation by females and underrepresented minorities to all levels and branches.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *December 9-15, 2013*, as:

Computer Science Education Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all schools, educators, parents and policymakers to participate by enabling their students to participate in the Hour of Code.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-First year of the State.



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Governor

By the Governor:

Natalie E. Tennant

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